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Happy birthday to the United States Navy! For 231 years, the Navy has played a vital role in the safety and security of our great country. The Navy has undergone many changes since 1775, but the standard of excellence in service and dedication to the citizens of this Nation has never been greater.

As we enter our fifth year of combat operations, the Navy remains a crucial member of the team. In the ongoing War on Terrorism, Sailors courageously defend freedom and battle terrorism at home and abroad. America is proud of her Navy's commitment to keeping us safe and preserving our way of life.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs, the men and women of the Armed Forces, and a grateful Nation, I salute the United States Navy. I bid you fair winds and following seas!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Pace".

PETER PACE
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of the Joint Chiefs of Staff